

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on December 21, 2006. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to recite storing (or code that causes storing) the state value on a storage medium. Thus, the claims now recite at least one physical transformation, thereby satisfying any requirement of "tangible results". Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted, and



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